CRIMES

CRIME & CRIMINAL

A CRIME IS <u>AN ACTION</u>

A CRIMINAL IS <u>A PERSON</u>

BURGLARY

It’s the crime of illegally entering a building and stealing things.

Verb: to burgle

Person: a burglar

FRAUD

It’s the crime of getting money by tricking people.

Person: a fraud/ fraudster

MUGGING

It’s an act of attacking someone and stealing their money.

Verb: to mug

Person: a mugger

PIRACY

It’s the act of illegally copying a computer program, music, a film, etc. and selling it.

- software/video piracy

Verb: to pirate

ROBBERY

It’s the crime of stealing from somewhere or someone.

- a bank robbery

Verb: to rob

Person: a robber

SHOPLIFTING

It’s the illegal act of taking goods from a shop without paying for them.

Verb: to shoplift

Person: a shoplifter

THEFT

It’s the act of taking something that belongs to someone else and keeping it; stealing.

- car theft

Person: thief

VANDALISM

It’s the crime of damaging property belonging to other people.

Verb: to vandalise/vandalize

Person: a vandal

STEAL OR ROB?

Both steal and rob mean *'take something without permission'.*

Steal
Steal focuses on the object or the thing which is taken.

- Hey! Somebody just stole my phone.
- You once stole chocolate **from** a shop!
- She has completely stolen my heart.

Rob
Rob focuses on the victim of the crime.

- The men robbed a bank last night.
- Three guys robbed me while I was travelling home.
- She has been robbed three times this year.

CONFUSING WORD ‘SUSPECT’

Verb: suspect /sə'spekt/
to think that someone has committed a crime or done something wrong

- *"Do you think she'll have told them?" "I suspect not/so."*
- *The police suspect him of carrying out two bomb attacks.*

Noun: suspect /ˈsʌspekt/
a person believed to have committed a crime or done something wrong

- *Police have issued a photograph of the suspect.*

Adjective: suspect /ˈsʌspekt/
possibly false or dangerous:

- *A suspect parcel was found at the station.*